

**TRAFFIC ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**June 10, 2014**  
**Minutes**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dan Baxter, TEC Chairman  
Jerry Whitaker, Staff  
Rick Seanor, Staff  
Roger Vincent, Public Representative  
Trent Taylor, UPD  
Ben Kageyama, Staff  
Kim Jordan, Staff

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Meredyth Reinhard, Social Services  
Kathy Smith, Safety Officer, UVMC  
Dixie Myers

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

John Lampi, Public Representative

**STAFF PRESENT**

Jarod Thiele  
Lory Limbird

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Traffic Engineering Committee meeting was called to order by Chairperson Baxter at 3:02 pm in Conference Room No. 3, Ukiah Civic Center, 300 Seminary Ave, Ukiah, California.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 11, 2014**

**M/S: Taylor/Vincent** to approve February 11, 2014 minutes. Motion carried by an all AYE voice vote of the members present.

**3. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

none

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

**Member Vincent** asked if it is still being considered to reduce the speed limit in front of Yokayo School to 15 mph.

**Member Seanor** replied it would take an evaluation by a traffic engineer in order to reduce the speed limit.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Discussion and Provide Direction to Staff Regarding Pedestrian Crosswalks on Perkins Street.**

**Member Seanor** introduced this item. Staff received a letter from Ms. Gwen Matthews, President/CEO of Ukiah Valley Medical Center regarding pedestrian crosswalks on Perkins Street. Attachment "B" is a photomap showing the general crosswalk locations but not the current configuration. On Perkins Street at Warren Drive there is a diagonally hatched crosswalk with an in-street pedestrian crossing sign. On Perkins Street at Leslie Street there is a diagonally hatched crosswalk. Lastly, on Perkins Street at Hospital Drive there is a crosswalk at a traffic signal.

The signal controlled intersection at Perkins Street and Hospital Drive is the recommended crossing location since pedestrians have pedestrian signals which can be activated to cross the street.

The city has contracted with a consultant to prepare a Perkins Street Gateway Streetscape Study. Staff will review with the consultant the concerns of crossing at uncontrolled intersections.

1 **UVMC Safety Officer Smith** stated the hospital has an Education Center at 495 Perkins Street.  
2 UVMC encourages staff to use the crosswalk at the signal controlled intersection at Hospital Drive.  
3 Motorists drive very fast on Perkins Street and forget to look for pedestrians causing unsafe  
4 conditions. UVMC is looking for a solution to this problem. UVMC was happy to hear about  
5 consideration for pedestrian crossings through the Perkins Street Gateway Streetscape Study.  
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7 **Chairman Baxter** summarized that the consultants preparing the Perkins Street Gateway  
8 Streetscape Study will be made aware of the UVMC concerns so suggestions for a solution can  
9 be incorporated into the project.  
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12 **b. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Yellow Loading Zone on Church Street between**  
13 **S. Oak Street and S. School Street.**  
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15 **Member Seanor** introduced this item. Staff received a letter from Mr. Edward Stamelos regarding  
16 the loading zone on Church Street between S Oak Street and S. School Street. Mr. Stamelos was  
17 trapped when cars were parked along the south side of Church Street and a vehicle was using the  
18 yellow loading zone on the north side of the street leaving insufficient width for through traffic to  
19 pass.  
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21 Mr. Stamelos was notified by letter of this meeting.  
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23 When using the loading zone, vehicles have been observed parking on the sidewalk.  
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25 Within a one-block range from the Church Street loading zone there are a total of 7 loading zones.  
26 In staff's opinion, there are more than enough loading zones in this area. A map of the existing  
27 loading zones in this area was distributed.  
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29 Rather than eliminate parking spaces to retain the loading zone on Church Street, staff proposes  
30 that the yellow loading zone at this location be eliminated.  
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32 **Member Taylor** added that the parking enforcement lady frequently has to back people out of this  
33 area and he has been stuck there himself.  
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35 **M/S: Taylor/Jordan** to eliminate the yellow loading zone on Church Street west of School Street.  
36 Motion passed by an all AYE vote of the members present except for Member Whitaker who  
37 abstained.  
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39 **Member Whitaker** stated his opinion that drivers will use School Street as a loading zone and  
40 then the street sweeper will not be able to totally sweep the street.  
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42 **Member Vincent** asked if the City would restripe that area of the curb to red so no one will park  
43 on the sidewalk.  
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45 **Member Whitaker** answered "Yes".  
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48 **c. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Request for Removal of No Parking Zone at 137**  
49 **Ford Street.**  
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51 **Member Seanor** introduced this item. Staff received a letter from Dixie Myers requesting removal  
52 of the No Parking Zone at 137 Ford Street.  
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54 Ford Street at this location is a two way street with curb and gutter along most of the street. Within  
55 the last few years, curb, gutter and sidewalk were constructed along the frontage of 137 Ford  
56 Street. Parking is not restricted along the north side of Ford Street at this location. The No

1 Parking restriction adjacent to 137 Ford street was posted several years ago prior to the  
2 completion of the curb, gutter, and sidewalk. Staff recommends removal of the No Parking Zone  
3 at this location for consistency with similar sections on Ford Street.

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5 **Dixie Myers** stated she would appreciate the removal of the No Parking Sign. The property is  
6 commercial, the street is wide in this area and there are curbs and gutters.

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8 **Member Taylor** stated that the rule is it has to be taken to council if parking is being taken away,  
9 not if parking is being restored.

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11 **Member Taylor** advised to ask Public Works Director Tim Eriksen if he is comfortable with  
12 removing the No Parking Zone without going to council.

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14 **Member Seanor** added that the portion of Ford Street to west where there is no curb should still  
15 be a no parking zone.

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17 **M/S: Taylor/Jordan** to remove the No Parking Zone at 137 Ford Street and also at similar spots  
18 along Ford Street that have the same situation without going to council. Motion passed by an all  
19 AYE vote of the members present.

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21 **6. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

22 **Member Seanor** stated bids open on June 24, 2014 for a Slurry Seal Project on residential streets.  
23 None of these streets are on bus routes.

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25 **Chairman Baxter** advised that there will be a small fare increase of MTA rates.

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27 **Chairman Baxter** stated there is a pothole on Plant Road that could use some work

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29 **Member Kageyama** stated Plant Road belongs to the county up to the city property at the Waste  
30 Water Treatment Plant.

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32 **Member Kageyama** advised that a grant has been received for the Rail Trail Project. Phase I from  
33 Gobbi Street to Clara Street is funded by the grant. Phase II from Gobbi Street south to Commerce  
34 Drive does not have funding.

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36 **7. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

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39 **8. ADJOURNMENT**

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41 There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

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Lory Limbird, Recording Secretary